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To: DHCA Housing Policy
Subject: The working poor families need a place to live too.

Hello,

I'm very pleased to see this topic being addressed and even if there are not any immediate resolutions or remedies to the problem, I'm hopeful there will be one in the future. I am a single working mom of one. I work full time and attend school part-time at Montgomery College. I work for the state of Maryland's DJS. I feel it is a crying shame when I can't live in the county where I work. I recently sought assistance from the county after rent, groceries, child care, and educational costs for myself and my son became too much.

Of course this search was in vain. I was turned away. Today we still have not secured housing, yet I work everyday for the county and state. I've filled out countless lunch applications in order for my son to receive free or reduced meals to no avail. Even with the fact that we are technically homeless yet, CPS was called to my home when I could not afford to pay for school lunch so my son didn't eat until he was home. It is crazy I never ask for hand outs just assistance to get me where I need to be back on my feet.